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# Board of Adjustment

### Public Hearing Application Packet

Zoning Variances
Floodplain Development Permit
Administrative Appeal
Use Permissibility Hearing

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### The Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board consisting of six members and one alternate member appointed by the City Council. The alternate member serves only if one of the six regular members is unable to serve. The purpose of the board is to grant variances from the strict application of the zoning ordinance while preserving intent in cases of 'unnecessary hardships' or 'practical difficulties' as well as decide other matters as established by ordinance. Its meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month, as necessary. Meetings are open to the public. Any party interested in any manner may attend and enter comment into the record.

Within 30 days, you or any other party may appeal a decision of the Board of Adjustment to the Boulder County District Court (Colorado Rules of Civil Procedures Rule 106). Judicial review is limited to the legality of the decision and how the Board made its decision and any flaws in the process such as lack of findings of fact, not on the decision itself. No new evidence may be heard. The Board may only rehear a previously granted or denied variance request if there has been substantial change to the facts of the case or the law and if it occurs within the 30 days appeal period.

### **General Application Procedure**

An application, for a hearing before the Board of Adjustment, begins with a Planner. The Planner will informally discuss your situation and the requirements of your request (zoning variance, floodplain development permit, or administrative appeal/use permissibility hearing). Applications are accepted at anytime, however, you must submit your complete application by the deadline on the attached development review hearing schedule to make the corresponding hearing date. Once your application is determined to be complete, it may be referred to other City departments or outside agencies having an interest in your application. Staff will produce an analysis of your request in the form of a written staff report to the Board of Adjustment as well as provide a recommendation with bases. The Board will consider the Staff report, Staff recommendation, your application material and testimony presented at the hearing in formulating its decision.

All hearings require public notice and City Staff will coordinate the public notice requirements with the applicant.

Review the section in this packet relevant to your request. Each section provides a description of the type of application and a checklist of application submittal requirements. If you are unsure about something, please feel free to call the Planning Department.

### **Typical Hearing Process**

You or someone representing you should plan to attend the hearing before the Board of Adjustment. If some else will be representing you please notify the Planning Department and provide contact information of the person.

The following summarizes a typical hearing before the Board of Adjustment:

- 1. Board Chairperson opens the public hearing.
- Proper public notice and complete application certification is verified by the City Staff.
- 3. Disclosures by Board members of site visits or any contacts which would render their participation inappropriate.
- 4. City Staff summarizes the case, discusses its findings and makes a formal recommendation to the Board.
- 5. Opportunity for Board, Applicant or public to question City Staff.
- 6. Applicant presents case.
- 7. Opportunity for Board, City Staff or public to question Applicant.
- 8. Statements are made to the Board from members of the public in favor or opposed to the request.
- Closing statements by Applicant and Staff.
- 10. Board Chairperson closes the hearing to further public comment.
- 11. Board deliberates openly and renders a decision or continues the hearing.

### **Decisions**

Approval of a variance requires five affirmative votes of the Board when six members are present, or four affirmative votes if less than six members of the Board are present (as supermajority). A meeting cannot be held if fewer than four (4) members are present. The Board may grant a conditional variance request it deems appropriate to ensure the integrity of the zoning code. Decisions by the Board are final. If your request is approved, you may receive a building permit during the 30-day appeal period. However, this is done at your own risk should a District Court appeal be filed.

### **Time Line on Variance Approvals**

Please note variance approvals expire if not used within 6 months after the date granted pursuant to the Louisville Municipal Code Section 17.52.080.D. Additionally, pursuant to Section 17.52.110, a building permit involving a variance becomes void six months after the day of issuance if no substantial construction has taken place.

### **Zoning Variance Request**

### Criteria

Please read the criteria below.

For a zoning variance to be granted, the Board of Adjustment must find all requirements of those criteria, in so far as applicable, have been met. After a review of the valid variance application, City Staff will make a recommendation either in favor or in opposition of the request to the Board based on these criteria.

You must formally respond in writing to each of the criteria. Carefully rationalize each justification for why you think your request meets a given criterion. You may also find a particular criterion is not applicable to your request. Expenses of the project or other economic hardship considerations are not valid as the sole justifications for your request.

- That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions such as irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the affected property;
- 2. That the unusual circumstances or conditions do not exist throughout the neighborhood or district in which the property is located;
- That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, the property cannot reasonably be developed in conformity with the provisions of this title (Louisville zoning code);
- 4. That such unnecessary hardship has not been created by the applicant;
- 5. That the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property;
- 6. That the variance, if granted, is a minimum variance that will afford relief and is the least modification possible of the provisions of this title (Louisville zoning code) which are in question.

Louisville Municipal Code Chapter 17.48 – Zoning Variance Criteria Section 17.48.110 (B) (1-6)

## Public Notification Requirements and Instructions

All property owners within a 500' radius of the subject property must receive notice of the request and date of the public hearing. You are responsible for obtaining the property owners list from either the Planning Department or the Boulder County Assessor's Office (303.441.3530) located in the Boulder County Courthouse on the Pearl Street Mall. There is a fee for the service from both agencies.

The address labels should be affixed to a stamped (not metered) business size envelope. Do not use self-sealing envelope. The Planning Department prepares the notice for mailing to surrounding property owners and publishes the notice in the newspaper.

The subject property is also required to be posted with information regarding the public hearing. You are responsible for the proper posting of the sign. The sign is available from the Planning Department and must be posted by the date on the attached development review schedule and is to remain in place through the date of the hearing.

Please, be mindful of where the sign is placed. Do not create safety hazards or attach the sign to trees or public property. The sign must be clearly visible from a public street adjacent to the property. Finally, you must photograph the sign in place and provide a copy to the Planning Department to be placed in the file as proof of posting.

### **Checklist for Public Notice:**

Prope	erty owner list  All property owners within 500' of subject property.  Obtained from either the Planning Department or the Boulder County Assessor's
·	Office.
vided .	ped (NOT metered) and addressed envelopes to the property owners being notice No return address Do not use self-sealing envelopes Plain white, business size envelopes
Obtai	n sign from Planning Department by date on hearing schedule
Posts	sign properly
Photo	graph sign and provide copy to Planning Department

### **Submittal Requirements and Checklist:**

Please submit all of the following documents to avoid delaying your application: ☐ Land Use Application Form (page 15) ☐ Fees – See the attached Fee Schedule (page 13) ☐ Submit all required items for the public notice (see page 4) ☐ Proof of ownership (such as a warranty deed) ☐ Letter from applicant describing the request and individually addressing the six (6) variance criteria ☐ Current Improvement Location Certificate (ILC), Improvement Survey Plat (ISP) or other similarly suited site plan. (This document may be found in the closing papers for the property.) ☐ Any additional information relevant to justifying your request or what City Staff requires to evaluate the application. 12 collated copies of the following: ☐ Site plan delineating the proposed improvements (standard engineering scale) ☐ Architectural elevations ☐ Floor Plan

### Floodplain Development Permit

The Board of Adjustment issues floodplain development permits when the requirements of Louisville Municipal Code Chapter 17.56 are met. Variances to flood regulatory district regulations may be issued provided the criteria for a variance in the floodplain ordinance are found to have been met.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires the completion of the form on pages 9-11 (the following three pages) of this packet be completed and submitted with any request for a floodplain development permit. Other FEMA forms can be obtained at the <a href="https://www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a> website. A FEMA Elevation Certificate (EC) form must be completed by the applicant and a copy provided to the City upon completion of the work approved by the Board of Adjustment.

Floodplain development permits not involving a variance need only receive a majority vote of the members present for a hearing.

### Checklist

☐ Land Use Application Form (page 15)
☐ FEMA Floodplain Development Permit Form (pages 7 – 9)
☐ Fees – See the attached Development Fee Schedule (page 13)
☐ Submit all required items for the public notice (see page 4)
□ Written statement from a qualified, licensed engineer, to demonstrate compliance with Chapter 17.56 and FEMA requirements.
12 collated copies of the following:
☐ Plans as necessary to demonstrate compliance with Chapter 17.56, Floodplain  Development Ordinance and FEMA requirements



## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

	APPLICATION INFORMATION	N
Permit:	Date:	
Owner:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:	
Contractor.	Phone:	
Address:	Email:	
Project Address:	Project Legal [	Description:
	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
☐ Single Family Residential	☐ New Construction	Channelization
☐ Multifamily Residential	☐ Substantial Improvement	☐ Fill
	(>50%)	
☐ Mobile Home	☐ Improvement (<50%)	☐ Bridge/Culvert
Nonresidential	☐ Rehabilitation	<b>□</b> Levee

### FLOOD HAZARD DATA

Watercourse Name:	
☐ This project is proposed in the Floodway ☐	☐ Floodway fringe
Base (100-year) flood elevation(s) at project site:	_
Elevation required for Lowest Floor:	NGVD / Floodproofing NGVD
Source Documents – Reports/Maps:	
PROPOSAL REV	IEW CHECKLIST
☐ Site development plans are complete and depic	ct flood hazard data.
☐ Engineering data is/are provided for proposed	map and floodway revisions.
☐ Floodway Certificate and data documents no in	crease in flood heights.
☐ Subdivision proposals minimize flood damage a	and protect utilities.
lacksquare Lowest floor elevations are above the base (10	0-year) flood level.
☐ Mobile homes address elevation and anchoring	requirements.
☐ A Floodproofing Certificate certifies floodproofing	ng designs.
☐ Other:	
APPLICANT: REVIEW ONLY. DO NOT WRITE IN	THIS AREA.
PERMIT	ACTION
compliance with approved floodplain managem with the City).	ed for the proposed project was reviewed and is in ment standards (site development plans are on file
☐ PERMIT DENIED. The proposed project does r standards (explanation is on file with the City).	
■ VARIANCE GRANTED. A variance was granted established by FEMA consistent with variance r Louisville Municipal Code § 17.56.240 (variance)	from the base (100-year) flood elevations equirements of NFIP regulations Part 60.6 and
Floodplain Administrator's Signature	
	Duto
Comments:	

### **COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION**

MAP REVISION DATA. Certified documentation by a registered professional engineer of as-built conditions for floodplain alterations were received and submitted to FEMA for a flood insurance
map revision.
FILL CERTIFICATE. A community official certified the elevation, compaction, slope and slope protection for all fill placed in the floodplain consistent with NFIP regulations Part 65.5 for map revisions.
ELEVATION & FLOODPROOFING CERTIFICATES. The as-built elevation of the building's lowest floor was certified as NGVD; <i>OR</i> the building's floodproofing level was certified as NGVD; by a registered professional engineer or licensed surveyor and is on file with the City.
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY OR COMPLIANCE ISSUED ON  Date

## Administrative Appeal and Use Permissibility Hearings

On appeal, the Board may overturn any order, requirement, decision or determination made in error by City staff while administering the zoning code. A notice of appeal specifying the reasons for the appeal must be filed within 30 days of the decision made being appealed. The application attached to this packet serves as the notice of appeal.

The Board of Adjustment may affirm, reverse wholly or in part, or modify the decision being appealed. The Board may also make a decision or determination on the subject in question and cause that decision to be implemented.

If there is a question of whether a particular use does or does not fit within an established, express use group, an applicant may apply to the Board for a determination on the permissibility of the use. The applicant must substantiate reasons for why the use in question fits within a particular established use group.

### **Checklist**

☐ Land Use Application Form (page 15)
☐ Fee – See the attached Development Review Fee Schedule (page 13)
☐ Submit all required items for the public notice (see page 4)
$\square$ Formal letter stating reasons for the appeal
$\Box$ Other information as required by Staff to present the request to the Board of Adjustment

## CITY OF LOUISVILLE - Development Review Schedule JANUARY - DECEMBER (2015)

### Subdivision Plat, Planned Unit Development & Special Review Use

- The following schedules represent an optimal timeline and assumes no delays in the review process.
- Issues identified during the review process may cause a delay in any of the public hearing dates.
- City Council hearing dates are subject to agenda availability.
- Items in BOLD type are the responsibility of the Applicant.
- Shaded, italicized steps are the responsibility of City Staff.
- A pre-application conference, with a Planner and possibly other City staff, is required **PRIOR** to submitting any application.
- An appointment is required for both the Pre-application Conference and the Submittal.
- Following the approval of a preliminary application, a final application may be submitted per the listed application deadline dates within ONE YEAR of the preliminary approval.

#### REGULAR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE

Pre-Application Conference	TBD											
Application DEADLINE - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	10/02/14	11/06/14	12/04/14	01/01/15	02/05/15	03/05/15	04/02/15	05/07/15	06/04/15	07/02/15	08/06/15	09/03/15
Pre-Development Review Committee - packet distribution	10/06/14	11/10/14	12/08/14	01/05/15	02/09/15	03/09/15	04/06/15	05/11/15	06/08/15	07/06/15	08/10/15	09/07/15
Referral packets to outside agencies	10/08/14	11/12/14	12/10/14	01/07/15	02/11/15	03/11/15	04/08/15	05/13/15	06/10/15	07/08/15	08/12/15	09/09/15
Advisory Board Referral Period	TBD											
Regular - Development Review Committee Meeting	11/06/14	12/11/14	01/08/15	02/05/15	03/12/15	04/09/15	05/07/15	06/11/15	07/09/15	08/06/15	09/10/15	10/08/15
Referral comments due to Planning Staff	11/20/14	12/23/14	01/22/15	02/19/15	03/26/15	04/23/15	05/21/15	06/25/15	07/23/15	08/20/15	09/24/15	10/22/15
Referral comments to Applicant	11/27/14	12/31/14	01/29/15	02/26/15	04/02/15	04/30/15	05/28/15	07/02/15	07/30/15	08/27/15	10/01/15	10/29/15
Submit revised plans per staff comments	12/12/14	01/16/15	02/13/15	03/13/15	04/17/15	05/15/15	06/12/15	07/17/15	08/14/15	09/11/15	10/16/15	11/13/15
Advertise Planning Commission Hearing	12/17/14	01/21/15	02/18/15	03/18/15	04/22/15	05/20/15	06/17/15	07/22/15	08/19/15	09/16/15	10/21/15	11/18/15
Planning Commission packets out	12/31/14	02/04/15	03/04/15	04/01/15	05/06/15	06/03/15	07/01/15	08/05/15	09/02/15	09/30/15	11/04/15	12/02/15
Planning Commission Public Hearing	01/08/15	02/12/15	03/12/15	04/09/15	05/14/15	06/11/15	07/09/15	08/13/15	09/10/15	10/08/15	11/12/15	12/10/15
Submit plans per staff comments	01/26/15	02/23/15	03/30/15	04/27/15	05/25/15	06/29/15	07/27/15	08/24/15	09/28/15	10/26/15	11/23/15	12/28/15
Advertise City Council Public Hearing (if needed)	01/28/15	02/25/15	03/31/15	04/29/15	05/27/15	07/01/15	07/29/15	08/26/15	09/30/15	10/28/15	11/25/15	12/30/15
City Council packets out	02/13/15	03/13/15	04/16/15	05/15/15	06/12/15	07/17/15	08/14/15	09/11/15	10/16/15	11/13/15	12/11/15	01/15/16
City Council Public Hearing	02/17/15	03/17/15	04/20/15	05/19/15	06/16/15	07/21/15	08/18/15	09/15/15	10/20/15	11/17/15	12/15/15	01/19/16
Applicant-Staff informational meeting no later than:	02/27/15	03/27/15	04/30/15	05/29/15	06/26/15	07/31/15	08/28/15	09/25/15	10/30/15	11/27/15	12/23/15	01/29/16

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE**

Pre-Application Conference	TBD											
Application DEADLINE - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY	12/23/14	01/23/15	02/20/15	03/20/15	04/24/15	05/22/15	06/19/15	07/24/15	08/21/15	09/25/15	10/23/15	11/20/15
Development Review Committee	12/27/14	01/27/15	02/24/15	03/24/15	04/28/15	05/26/15	06/23/15	07/28/15	08/25/15	09/29/15	10/27/15	11/24/15
Advertise Public Hearing	12/31/14	01/28/15	02/25/15	03/25/15	04/29/15	05/27/15	06/24/15	07/29/15	08/26/15	09/30/15	10/28/15	11/25/15
Pick up Public Hearing Poster	01/08/15	02/05/15	03/05/15	04/02/15	05/07/15	06/04/15	07/02/15	08/06/15	09/03/15	10/08/15	11/05/15	12/03/15
Post Public Hearing Poster	01/09/15	02/06/15	03/06/15	04/03/15	05/08/15	06/05/15	07/03/15	08/07/15	09/04/15	10/09/15	11/06/15	12/04/15
Board packets out	01/16/15	02/13/15	03/13/15	04/10/15	05/15/15	06/12/15	07/10/15	08/14/15	09/11/15	10/16/15	11/13/15	12/11/15
Board of Adjustment-Public Hearing	01/21/15	02/18/15	03/18/15	04/15/15	05/20/15	06/17/15	07/15/15	08/19/15	09/16/15	10/21/15	11/18/15	12/16/15



### Department of Planning and Building Safety

### **Development Review Fees**

Adopted: December 17, 2013

	FEE	
ANNEXATION & ZONING		æ
Annexation & initial zoning **	\$6415	>
Rezoning **	\$3810	pa
Zoning Map Amendment **	\$480	OS
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT		ä
PUD – preliminary review (≤ 7 acres) **	\$2590	<b>≡</b>
PUD – final review (≤ 7 acres) **	\$2590	S .
PUD – preliminary review (> 7 acres) **	\$3165	<u>بّ</u>
PUD – final review (> 7 acres) **	\$2590	ar ar
PUD – amendment **	\$1715	ڲ
Administrative PUD amendment	\$515	<u>:</u>
SUBDIVISION		g
Preliminary plat (< 15 acres) **	\$1240	ω σ
Preliminary plat (> 15 acres) **	\$3240	ğ
Final plat (all) & Final agreement(s) (with final PUD) **	\$965	Ë
Final plat (not accompanied by a PUD) **	\$1775	a public hearing are noted with **. Project types requiring a public hearing will also pay a ) for each required public notice.
Minor subdivision **	\$1775	ě
SPECIAL REVIEW USE		S
Special Review Use (SRU) **	\$1110	ğ
SRU amendment **	\$910	#. •
SRU (use only, no development) **	\$420	<u>je</u>
SRU administrative amendment (70% cost of SRU no development)	\$335	<u>6</u>
Day Care (Neighborhood 6 – 12 children) **	\$345	<u>.</u>
Planned Community Zone District		نه *
PCZD (< 100 acres) **	\$4920	きき
PCZD (> 100 acres) **	\$6525	<u>≯</u> 2
Minor PCZD amendment **	\$760	a public hearing are noted with 'for each required public notice
TEMPORARY USES		요 펕
Temporary use permit (administrative)	\$185	5 <u>g</u>
Temporary use permit (public review) **	\$260	ed ed
Temporary sign permit	\$90	בּׁי בַּ
CMRS FACILITY		eq ed
Public review **	\$6515	ב ב
Administrative review	\$2790	ac ac
OTHER LAND USE FEES		r e
Louisville Municipal Code Amendment **	\$420	a o
Easement or right-of-way vacation **	\$1785	<u>6</u> 8
Floodplain development permit **	\$395	irin 85.
Historic Preservation Commission – Major Demo Permit Review	\$445	ς E.
Historic Preservation Commission – Minor Demo Permit Review	\$50	ē ē
Variance or Appeal of the Zoning Administrator Decision	\$725	es fec
Variance – After the fact **	\$975	ğ z
Oil & gas production permit **	\$1225	Project types requiring a publication fee of \$85.00
1041 Permit **	\$1225	<u>jec</u>
Vested Right Request **	\$1540	<u> </u>
LP Gas Sales and Exchange	\$565	ᆸ
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These fees are adopted pursuant to City of Louisville Ordinance No. 1291, Series 1998 and Ordinance No.1603, Series 2011. Signed and ordered this day, December 17, 2013:

### Malcolm Fleming



### Department of Planning and Building Safety

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### **LAND USE APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Firm:
Contact:
Address:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Fax:
Email:
OWNER INFORMATION
Firm:
Contact:
Address:
Mailing Address:
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Telephone:
Fax:
Email:
REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION
Firm:
Contact:
Address:
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Mailing Address:
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Telephone:
Fax:
Email:
PROPERTY INFORMATION
Common Address: Blk
Subdivision Bik
Area: Sq. Ft.

TYPE (S) OF APPLICATION  Annexation Zoning Preliminary Subdivision Plat Final Subdivision Plat Minor Subdivision Plat Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) Final PUD Amended PUD Administrative PUD Amendment Special Review Use (SRU) SRU Amendment SRU Administrative Review Temporary Use Permit: CMRS Facility: CMRS Facility: Other: (easement / right-of-way; floodplain; variance; vested right; 1041 permit; oil / gas production permit)
PROJECT INFORMATION
Summary:  Current zoning: Proposed zoning:
SIGNATURES & DATE  Applicant:  Print:  Print:  Representative:  Print:
CITY STAFF USE ONLY  Fee paid: Check number: Date Received:

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_